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SCHEMES FOR WELFARE OF BEEDI WORKERS
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Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of health camps operating/organised by the Government in the country for beedi workers, State-wise;

(b) the details of additional benefits given to female beedi workers during each of the last three years and thereafter;

(c) whether Karnataka is lagging behind other States in implementation of various welfare schemes for beedi workers;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the steps proposed to improve the functioning of welfare organisations engaged in helping beedi workers in the country particularly in Karnataka?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES)

(a): Statement showing the detail is annexed (Annexure-I).

(b): Statement showing the details is annexed (Annexure-II).

(c) & (d): No, Sir. In Karnataka, during the current year (upto August, 2007), 1147 workers have been granted financial assistance @ Rs. 1,000/- per worker under the maternity benefit scheme. Financial assistance to two-widow workers @ Rs. 5,000/- each for marriage of their daughters has been granted. An expenditure of Rs. 11,160/- has also been incurred on treatment of gynecological diseases of three workers. However, no health camp was organized.

(e): Assistance of the State Government has been sought for conducting survey of beedi workers in Karnataka for identifying those who are not at present on the rolls. Awareness camps will be conducted to educate the workers about the facilities available under various schemes.